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Land Grant Application- Briggs, Jesse (Paris)

Jesse Briggs

Naomi Briggs

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I Edmund Dean of Paris, in the County of Oxford,
a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution, and now a
pensioner of the United States, do testify and on oath
declare, that I was personally acquainted in the
Army - both before and since the Revolution, with
Jesse Briggs late of said Paris, now deceased - and
I do further on oath declare that I well knew that
said Briggs enlisted and served for the term of eight
months in the company commanded by Capt Oliver
Soper in the year 1775 & in the year following
(1776) he again enlisted & served for the term of
one year in the same company - and both terms
in Col. Reeds regiment; and in the year 1777 he
enlisted & served for the term of three years in the
company commanded by Capt James Cooper, &
in the regiment commanded by Col. Gamahel
Bradford - the 14th Massachusetts - and I always
understood that said Briggs served the full terms
as aforesaid - and said Capt Cooper - was the com-
manding officer of the Regiment he gave said Briggs
a written discharge to my certain knowledge -

Edmund Dean

State of Maine.

Oxford ss. January 1. 1836. Personally appeared the above
named Edmund Dean, well known to me as a man of
truth, who made oath to the truth of the above affidavit
Before me.

Thomas Clark, Justice of the Peace.

Saris, Augt 31. 1835.

Dear Sir,

In referring to your letter of ^{Augt} 10. 1835. you state that Jesse Briggs served but 34m. 11 do. & is not entitled to Land? If I am not mistaken, his widows declaration states, that he served 34m. in 1775 Capt Soper. Col. Reed - 1776 one year Capt Soper. Col Reed - 1777 he enlisted & served three years Capt. James Soper - Col. Gamaliel Bradford. If her declaration does not so state - she prays leave to amend. (Edmund Deane an intelligent man, is well knowing to Briggs service) and requests of the Land Agent a reconsideration of her case. Your letter of the 29th. is just received - and the same remarks in Gammons case, will apply to Rebecca Washburn - already admitted - I had presumed that the certificate, in all cases, would be issued to the original applicant, who would in a transfer shew themselves to be the legal owners - Mrs Washburn died soon after her declaration was made & conveyed her right under the Resolve, by deed to Luther Washburn - Your letter by Mr Willredg was likewise received, I shall be extremely happy to reciprocate in attending to your own concerns or those of your friends -

With much respects, Your Obt servt

Thomas Clarke

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Lot No 33 in No 3, 20,
drawn Jan'y 7, 1837 &
conveyed to Israel Hinkle
Nov 17, 1837 - Deed also taken

\$6.00

Know all men by these presents that I Noah Prince
of Buckfield in the County of Oxford in consideration
of Eighty dollars to me paid by Israel Heald of
Lincoln County of Massachusetts the receipt where-
of I do hereby acknowledge do here by sell assign transfer
and convey unto the said Israel Heald his heirs and
assigns forever the annexed certificate and the right
and claim to the land of which the ^{same} is evidence and
hereby authorize and empower the said Israel Heald
to receive a deed of said Land in his own name and to
his own use to him his heirs & assigns forever,
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 20 day of December 1836

Signed sealed &
delivered in presence
of Nathaniel Harlow
Polly Harlow

Noah Prince

State of Maine

Oxford ss. December 20th 1836 Personally appeared
the above named Noah Prince and acknowledged the
above instrument to be his free act and deed before me

Nathaniel Harlow } Justice of
the Peace

Know all men by these presents, That I Naomi Briggs of Paris
in the county of Oxford in consideration of sixty eight dollars. to me
paid by Noah Prince of Buckfield in the county of Oxford, the re-
ceipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and
convey unto the said Noah Prince. His heirs and assigns forever
the annexed certificate and the right and claim to the land of which
the same is evidence: and hereby authorize and empower the said
Noah Prince to receive a deed of said Land in his own
name and to his own use, to him, his heirs & assigns forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 13 day of September 1836.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in presence of
Joel B. Thayer
Samuel Briggs

Naomi Briggs



State of Maine.

Oxford ss. September 13 1836. Personally appeared
the abovesigned Naomi Briggs - - and acknowledged the
above instrument to be her free act and deed. Before me,

Joel B. Thayer

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Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MAINE.

N^o. 242.

LAND OFFICE,
Augusta, March 29, 1836.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Naomi Briggs*
of *Paris* in the County of *Androscoggin*
is the *widow* of *Isaac Briggs* late of said *Paris*, deceased,
by declaration sworn to May 18th 1835.

(See claim N^o. 179.)
and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved *her* claim
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of
the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and soldiers,"
approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "THE LAWFUL HOLDER" of this
certificate is entitled, under the provisions of a Resolve additional to said
Resolve, approved March 16, 1836, to **TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF**
LAND.

Wm. H. Thompson

Land Agent of Maine.

Attest & countersigned,
Wm. Wright

Thos. Clark Esq.
May 18. 1835.

Paris May 19

free

Free

William Woart, Jun. Esq.

Post Master

Augusta,
Me.

Paris, May 10th 1835

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9th. inst. was duly received - and I here
-with transmit the declaration of Naomi Briggs, widow of Jesse
Briggs - Should you have the means to ascertain the actual
value of the certificates, I will then inform my clients what
can be obtained - They will undoubtedly wish to sell, if
they can realize the full benefit of the Resolve -

With great respects

Your obt. servt

Thomas Clark

William Mart Jun Esq. 3
Augusta. 3

Naomi Briggs, widow of ¹⁷⁹
Jesse Briggs-

Rec^d May 20. 1835.

Served 34 m 11 d,
Ordinance of "years
service".


Admitted & certificate
N^o. 242. of March 29,
1836, and sent thro
Clark Eng. April 15 1836

Thomas Clark
C Agent-

I, Naomi Briggs, of Paris, in the county of Oxford, and State of Maine aged seventy three years, do, upon oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17. 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers", that I am the widow of Jesse Briggs, late of said Paris, who died at said Paris, on the 10th. day of February A.D. 1833. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, Jesse Briggs, did enlist into the service of the United States, in the Massachusetts line, in the year 1775, for the term of eight months, in the company commanded by Capt. Oliver Soper, in the regiment commanded by Col. Reed; in the year 1776, he again served for the term of one year, in the same company and Regiment. And in 1777. he again enlisted & served for the term of three years, in the company commanded by Capt. James Cooper, in the regiment commanded by Colo. Gamaliel Bradford; at the expiration of which term he had a written discharge, signed by the said Capt. James Cooper, then commanding officer of the Regiment: which has been lost for a long time.

I do further on oath declare, that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, Jesse Briggs, was at the time of his enlistment, an inhabitant of Taunton in Massachusetts - and that I do know, that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in said Paris, where he had resided for ~~forty eight~~ years before his decease - That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him, did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Attest
Thomas Clark

Naomi  Briggs
mark

State of Maine.

Oxford ss. Subscribed and sworn to this 10th day of May 1835, before me
Thomas Clark, Justice of the Peace

I know all men by these presents, That I Naomi Briggs of Paris, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas Crocker of Paris, my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, to receive from the Land agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17. 1835. entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgement therefor, as I might, were I personally present. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hands and seal, this 10th. day of May A.D. 1835.

Signed, sealed and
delivered in presence of
Thomas Clark

her
Naomi Briggs
mark

State of Maine.

Oxford ss.

Be it known, that on this 10th day of May 1835, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said county, personally appeared, Naomi Briggs, above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney, by her signed, to be her free act and deeds.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Thomas Clark Justice of the Peace

State of Maine.

Oxford ss.

I the subscriber, Judge of Probate within and for the said County of Oxford, hereby certify, that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me, that Naomi Briggs, was the lawful wife, and is now the widow of Jesse Briggs, late of Paris, in said county deceased.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 10th. day of May A.D. 1835.

Stephen Emery, Judge

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Sep. Briggs
Private

Col. Bradford's Regiment

Massachusetts Line.

from June. 1777 for

3 years -

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I Jesse Briggs a resident citizen of the United States of America of Paris in the County of Oxford and State of Massachusetts, testify and say, that on the last of June or first of July in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and twenty seven, I enlisted into the Army of the United States of America in the Continental Establishment, for the term of three years, as a private soldier in Capt James Cooper's Company in the fourteenth Mass. Regt. Commanded by Colonel Edmund Bradford, in which Company I continued to serve until the expiration of the three years aforesaid, when I received an honorable discharge, since accidentally lost. And I further testify, that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support.

(Signed) Jesse Briggs

I Edmund Abner of Paris in the County of Oxford and State of Mass. testify and say, that Jesse Briggs named in the foregoing deposition was a fellow soldier with me in the Company of Capt James Cooper above said, and that he served in said Company the full term of three years, for which time he had enlisted, when he was honorably discharged. I further testify that said Briggs, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life stands in need of assistance from his Country for support.

(Signed) Edmund Abner

I Nathan Shurtleff of Paris in the County of Oxford and State of Mass. testify and say, that I am well acquainted with the above named Jesse Briggs, and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support.

(Signed) Nathan Shurtleff

I Richard Dole of Hebron in the County of Oxford and State of Massachusetts, do testify and say that I was in the Continental service during the revolutionary war at the same period in which the within named Jesse Briggs served and was in the same Brigade, and have no doubt that the said Briggs served during the time and in the manner stated in the above deposition by said Briggs subscribed. (Signed) Richard Dole

I Cyrus Hamlen of Paris in the State of Massachusetts
do hereby declare, that I am personally acquainted with Jesse
Briggs within named and do hereby believe that in
consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is
in need of assistance from his Country for support.

(Signed) Cyrus Hamlen

United States of America. Maine District, No. Be it
remembered, that on the sixth day of April in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-six, personally came Jesse Briggs the applicant
named in the papers herewith annexed, and after
being duly examined and examined, made oath that
the several statements by him made in the annexed ap-
plication, signed in my presence, are wholly true.
And the said applicant further offered in evidence
the affidavits of Edmund Dean and Richard Cole,
fellow Soldiers with the applicant in the Revolutionary
War, made & sworn in my presence, also the affidavits
of Jonathan Thurtell and Cyrus Hamlen, relatives to
the applicant. Circumstances in life, all which are
herewith annexed. And it appearing to me in the
examination there had, that the several persons above named
are credible witnesses, I do hereby admit the annexed decla-
rations as evidence, and certify the same as being satisfactory
proof to me that the said Jesse Briggs the applicant, was
as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War, against the
Common enemy for the term of three months and upwards
in continuation of the Continental establishment. And I do
further certify, that from the declaration of the applicant
made before me, under oath as aforesaid, it does appear
that in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life,
he is in need of assistance from his Country for support,
all of which I do hereby certify and transmit to the
Secretary of the Department of War, agreeably to the provi-
sions of an act of Congress passed March 18, 1818, entitled

"An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the
land and Naval Service of the United States in the
Revolutionary War". In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused my official seal to be af-
fixed the day and year first mentioned.
(Signed) Albin L. Harris, Judge of the
United States in and for the District of Maine.

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered from one to
three inclusive are truly copies from the originals on file in the
Pension Office, War Department, and I do further certify that
it appears from the records of revolutionary service of Col. Mansfield's
Regiment, Massachusetts line, that Jesse Briggs enlisted the 10th Feb-
ruary 1777, for three years; the date of his discharge not stated.

Wm L. Beall

Jan'y 4, 1836

I hereby certify that Benjamin L. Beall, who is em-
ployed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine
under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State,
approved by the Senate on the 17th day of March,
1835, to obtain from the Pension Office, certain documents
and records, has made a full and examination in the
case of Jesse Briggs as the Books and Papers of said
Office will allow, according to the best of my judgment and
belief. Dated at the Pension Office, War Department the
fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and
thirty-six.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions